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WE DON'T KNOW ALL THE FACTS: FORD

Mayor Rob Ford pays a visit to PC candidate Ken Kirupa's HQ in Scarborough Tuesday. When asked about the shooting death of Sammy Yatim, the mayor said his heart goes out to the family. He added that none of us knows all the facts and he does not know any more than the rest of us. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sammy Yatim went down after first 3 shots: Video

Synching surveillance.

Latest footage seems to show teen was fired at after he had already fallen to the floor

A surveillance video posted online appears to show Sammy Yatim crumpled on the floor of the streetcar when the officer fired the last six shots.

Using YouTubeDoubler.com, Metro played that video synched in time with the previously released cellphone video: You can hear the first three shots, see Yatim fall to the floor, then hear six more shots after a period of silence.

The new footage, recorded by the security system at a health products store on Dundas Street, was uploaded to YouTube by a third party. It shows Yatim from an angle the cellphone videos didn't catch.

The surveillance video is silent and does not show the shooter. However, at 57 seconds in, you can see Yatim fall to the floor. Using events on the surveillance video also visible on the YouTube video uploaded by Marko G, Metro timed the sequence of events on both videos. It appears Yatim fell after the first three shots, which were fired within one second. There is a six-second pause, then six more shots are fired. At that point on the surveillance video, part of Yatim's downed body appears to move.

This appears to show that Yatim was down when he was shot at six times.

Steve Summerville, a retired TPS staff sergeant and certified expert in use of force, spoke with Metro about the police procedure at play. After viewing the side-by-side video, he agreed it appears that the six shots were fired at Yatim after he was already down.

"You certainly do have a downed subject. Police training is you shoot until the threat is over. Once the threat is mitigated or managed, there's no longer a need to shoot," he said.

"He was dropped, he was taken down by the first three (shots). To what degree? I don't know. Where he was shot? I don't know. Was there still movement? I don't know."

Summerville said the officers seemed wary of Yatim, even after the shooting, and one officer Tasered him. "If a person is completely incapacitated, there is no need for Taser," he said.

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Yatim shooter identified

Six-year veteran. Toronto constable named by police source

The "devastated" Toronto police officer being investigated in the shooting death of Sammy Yatim has been identified as Const. James Forcillo. On Monday, Forcillo was suspended from the force after he became the subject of a Special Investigations Unit probe.

It appears that even more than a decade ago, Forcillo knew he wanted to be a police officer. On the website for a Toronto gym started with a high-school friend, a James Forcillo, then a Grade 12 student who played football for the North York Grizzlies in 1999, was described as planning on studying law enforcement in the GTA. When contacted by Torstar, the friend refused to comment.

Torstar News Service learned the officer's identity from a police source, as the police force and the SIU continued to keep the name a secret.

When reached at his home, Forcillo refused to speak to a reporter, saying: "Please respect our privacy."

Forcillo, who has been on the force for six years, is currently assigned as a uniformed officer at 14 Division in the downtown core where the shooting occurred. Based on various social-media profiles, he appears to be married with young children.

Forcillo's defence lawyer, Peter Brauti, said Tuesday that his client is distraught.

"Like any officer involved in a loss-of-life incident, this officer is devastated," Brauti said. "All we can do at this point is wait for the investigation into the matter to conclude. It is important that people not rush to judgment in this matter."

Brauti said Forcillo has not been interviewed by the SIU. He is still reviewing the information provided to him before advising his client whether he should exercise his right to remain silent.

When asked Tuesday night if Forcillo was devastated by the turn of events, a colleague at 14 Division said: "That's an understatement." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

James Forcillo has been named as the Toronto police officer who shot Sammy Yatim on a streetcar early Saturday morning. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Yatim family

'Living a nightmare'

The Yatim family said Tuesday that they are "living a nightmare" from which they can't seem to wake up.

"The next few months will be very trying for us as our family adjusts to life without Sammy and wades through all the details and decisions that led to this senseless tragedy," they said in a statement.

Yatim's parents were out of town when he died, his father on business in Atlanta and his mother visiting Montreal from Syria, where she is a doctor at a children's hospital, family friend Joseph Nazar said.

Yatim's sister, believed to be about 17, was left to identify her brother's body, Nazar said.

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Five unanswered questions about shooting of Yatim

Sammy Yatim in a photo from the Facebook page R.I.P Sammy Yatim. FACEBOOK

Many questions remain unanswered about the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Sammy Yatim. Here are five at the forefront of public scrutiny:

Why isn't the SIU investigating the Tasering?

SIU spokesperson Monica Hudon said there is only one subject officer being investigated, the one who shot Sammy Yatim. He has been identified by other sources as Const. James Forcillo. The SIU has also said a Taser was used. When asked why that officer was not being investigated, Hudon said: "We are of the view that only one subject officer caused Mr. Yatim's death. Accordingly, one officer has been designated as the subject officer."

Can TTC doors be manually closed from the outside?

Bystander videos show officers pointing guns through open front doors, with back doors also open. Both doors may be closed and sealed from the driver's seat, but only the front doors can be closed and sealed from the outside, using a switch to the right of the door. The back doors can be closed by hand, but not sealed.

Why did only one officer shoot? Why was the Taser used after?

It is not clear why the officer chose to shoot, and that question will be central to the investigation. Officers are required to complete use-of-force training once a year, under an Ontario model that instructs officers to deal with calls in an escalating manner, using communication throughout, from soft physical tactics to lethal force. Tasers are considered an "intermediate" weapon, in line with batons and pepper spray. It's not clear why it would be used after someone has been shot.

Was the Emergency Task Force (ETF) called?

None of the services involved would confirm if ETF officers, who have broader skills and experience in dealing with complex calls, were asked to assist.

What is the official cause of death?

Hudon said the SIU would not release autopsy results Tuesday, citing the Police Services Act, which dictates the SIU should not make any public statements except to preserve the "integrity" of an investigation.

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Stops factor into subway support

A majority of Torontonians are OK with a city council decision to back a Scarborough subway rather than an LRT to replace the Scarborough RT.

Six out of 10 residents approve of the plan to extend the Bloor-Danforth line northeast to the Scarborough Town Centre, according to a new poll by Forum Research.

But the findings suggest that some might feel differently if they were more familiar with the differences between the two options. When told the subway, estimated to cost at least $1 billion more than an LRT, would have three stops, versus seven for the LRT, approval for the subway dipped to only 43 per cent. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Project Traveller

Ford-linked Kassim released on bail

Monir Kassim, one of three men pictured with Mayor Rob Ford in a now infamous photo, was released on bail Tuesday.

Kassim was arrested June 13 as part of a massive guns and drugs investigation called Project Traveller. He is facing charges of trafficking in weapons and drugs for the benefit of a criminal organization, as well as charges of breach of house arrest, theft under $5,000 and conspiracy to commit unauthorized possession of a firearm.

Ontario Justice C. Humeniuk's reasons for granting Kassim bail at Tuesday's hearing are covered by a publication ban. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Restaurateurs want LCBO 'diplomat' discount, too

Ontario's restaurant owners want the province's liquor agency to give them the same deep discounts it gives to diplomats.

The Liquor Control Board of Ontario last month started giving foreign embassies and consulates a 49 per cent discount on beer, wine and liquor prices. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The LCBO THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parents ask friends, family to vote on baby's name

'Democratizing baby names'. Expectant parents mail out 75 customized ballots

Later, Libby

So far, more than 60 ballots have rolled in. The boys' names are running neck-and-neck. Not so for the girls; Libby has virtually dropped out of the running, with less than two days left to vote, said Katie Reise.

Katie Reise and fiancé Chris Vollmershausen have sent out 75 ballots to friends and family to choose from their short list of girls' and boys' names. They'll go with the winner — voting closes Thursday. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS

This is truly democracy's child — a baby whose name will be decided by voters even before the little one is born.

In a creative, even populist alternative to slugging it out over baby names, expectant Toronto parents Katie Reise and Chris Vollmershausen have asked friends and relatives to vote for their favorite boy's and girl's name from the couple's top contenders.

Libby, Molly or Faye?

Oscar, Winston or Finley?

They've mailed out 75 customized ballots for registered voters to mark and mail back (only one ballot per household, so there's bound to be lobbying among the electorate). Voting ends Aug. 1. Spoiled ballots won't be counted, so there's no room for fresh suggestions.

The first-time mom and dad swear they'll go with the people's choice, and have offered to bring in a third-party observer if voters doubt they're actually serious.

"We're 100 per cent committed to going with whatever name wins — and just to make sure I don't feel tempted to sway the vote after it's in, I'm not going to vote myself," offered Vollmershausen, 30.

His very pregnant fiancée won't go that far; she plans to vote, but says majority rules.

"Personally, I think babies grow into their names, so I'd be okay with any of the choices," said Reise, 31, a respiratory therapist at the Hospital for Sick Children.

Daunted at first by the sheer possibilities — "There must have been 100,000 names in one baby-name book; it was overwhelming," shuddered Vollmershausen, a lawyer — the idea of a baby ballot started as a joke with friends.

The couple had a short list but no slam-dunk, but they tend to seek detours to plain old arguing. When they couldn't agree on asking whether they're having a boy or a girl, they flipped a coin. The lawyer lost, and the gender remains a mystery.

"But even though we decided to ask our friends, it's an important decision and we wanted to treat it with the proper brevity and respect, so we decided on a formal ballot."

"We already had one note come back thanking us for democratizing baby names," she said. "As long as the baby is healthy and happy, that's all that really matters.... Why not have some fun with the rest?" TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Synesthesia. Stroke victim 'feels' music, 'tastes' colour

The first time he felt like he could "ride" music, he worried that something was seriously wrong.

It was August 2008 and the patient, now in his mid-40s, had recently suffered a stroke. He was in his Toronto condo watching the opening ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics when, suddenly, the high-pitched falsetto of the opera singers sent him on a journey.

"I felt myself get sucked into the TV set, transported through the wires, and wind up floating above the Olympic Stadium in Beijing," he said. "It was such a real experience. I could feel the heat and humidity on my skin."

He would soon learn he had acquired synesthesia, a rare condition that triggers more than one sense at the same time.

According to researchers at St. Michael's Hospital, who detailed the Toronto patient's case in the August issue of Neurology, his is the second-known instance of a person developing synesthesia as a result of a brain injury. The patient appears in a series of YouTube videos which the hospital produced, but it would not allow his name to be published. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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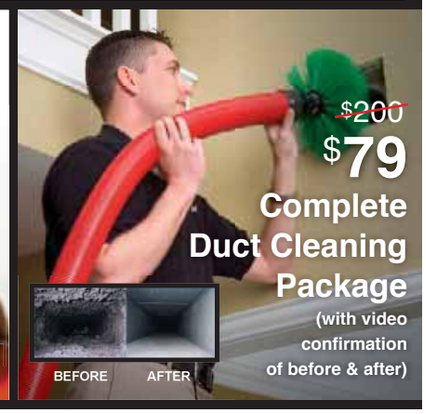

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Bradley Manning convicted of spilling U.S. secrets to WikiLeaks

Faces up to 136 years. Private dodges serious and precedent-setting charge of aiding enemy

U.S. army Pfc. Bradley Manning was acquitted of aiding the enemy but was convicted on Tuesday of espionage, theft and other charges, more than three years after he spilled secrets to WikiLeaks.

Manning was convicted on 19 of 21 charges and faces up to 136 years in prison. His sentencing begins Wednesday.

The lead prosecutor, Maj. Ashden Fein, said Manning knew the material would be seen by al-Qaida, a key point the prosecutor needed to get a conviction of aiding the enemy. Even Osama bin Laden had some of the digital files at his compound when he was killed.

According to Daniel Ellsberg — who in the early 1970s leaked the Pentagon Papers, which showed the U.S. government repeatedly misled the public about the Vietnam War — Manning's acquittal was more significant than his convictions.

He said a conviction of aiding the enemy would mean that most people wouldn't want to risk life imprisonment or even execution for exposing government secrets.

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Manning's crime

Manning admitted leaking more than 700,000 records as well as video of a U.S. helicopter attack that killed civilians in Iraq, including a Reuters news photographer and his driver.

- In the footage, airmen laughed and called the targets "dead bastards."

U.S. army Pfc. Bradley Manning is escorted to a security vehicle outside a courthouse in Fort Meade, Md. PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lac-Mégantic. Obliterated bar to reopen for summer

The popular bar recognized as the epicentre of Quebec's fiery train derailment is set to reopen as a temporary music venue for the summer.

Many patrons and staff members died inside Lac-Mégantic's bustling Musi-Café on July 6 after a train carrying crude set off huge explosions.

"For sure, Musi-Café became a symbol of devastation," owner Yannick Gagne told a news conference on Tuesday.

"But we now want it to become a symbol of the resilience of people in the region."

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Switzerland

Train driver's body pulled from wreck

Rescue workers on Tuesday had to separate the mangled front of two trains that collided head-on in Switzerland to extract the body of a 24-year-old driver. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cross-border crime

U.S. cops to be free from Canuck law?

The U.S. wants its police to be exempt from Canadian law if they agree to take part in a touted cross-border policing initiative, says an internal RCMP memo.

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Efforts a drop in the bucket

Workers scoop up crude oil on the beaches of Samet Island, Thailand, on Tuesday. About 50,000 litres that leaked from a pipeline has reached the popular tourist island despite attempts to clean it up. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spain derailment. Driver was taking a work call as he sped into deadly crash

The driver was on the phone with a colleague and apparently looking at a document as his train barrelled ahead at 153 km/h — almost twice the speed limit. Suddenly, a notorious curve was upon him.

He hit the brakes too late.

The train, carrying 218 passengers, hurtled off the tracks and slammed into a concrete wall, killing 79.

On Tuesday, investigators announced their preliminary findings from analysis of the train's data-recording "black boxes," suggesting that human error appears to be the cause of Spain's worst railway disaster in decades.

The derailment occurred near Santiago de Compostela, Spain, last week.

Driver Francisco Jose Garzon Amo GETTY IMAGES

According to the investigation so far, driver Francisco Jose Garzon Amo received a call from an official of national rail company Renfe on his work phone in the cabin, not his personal cellphone, to tell him what approach to take toward his destination.

Garzon was provisionally charged Sunday with multiple counts of negligent homicide. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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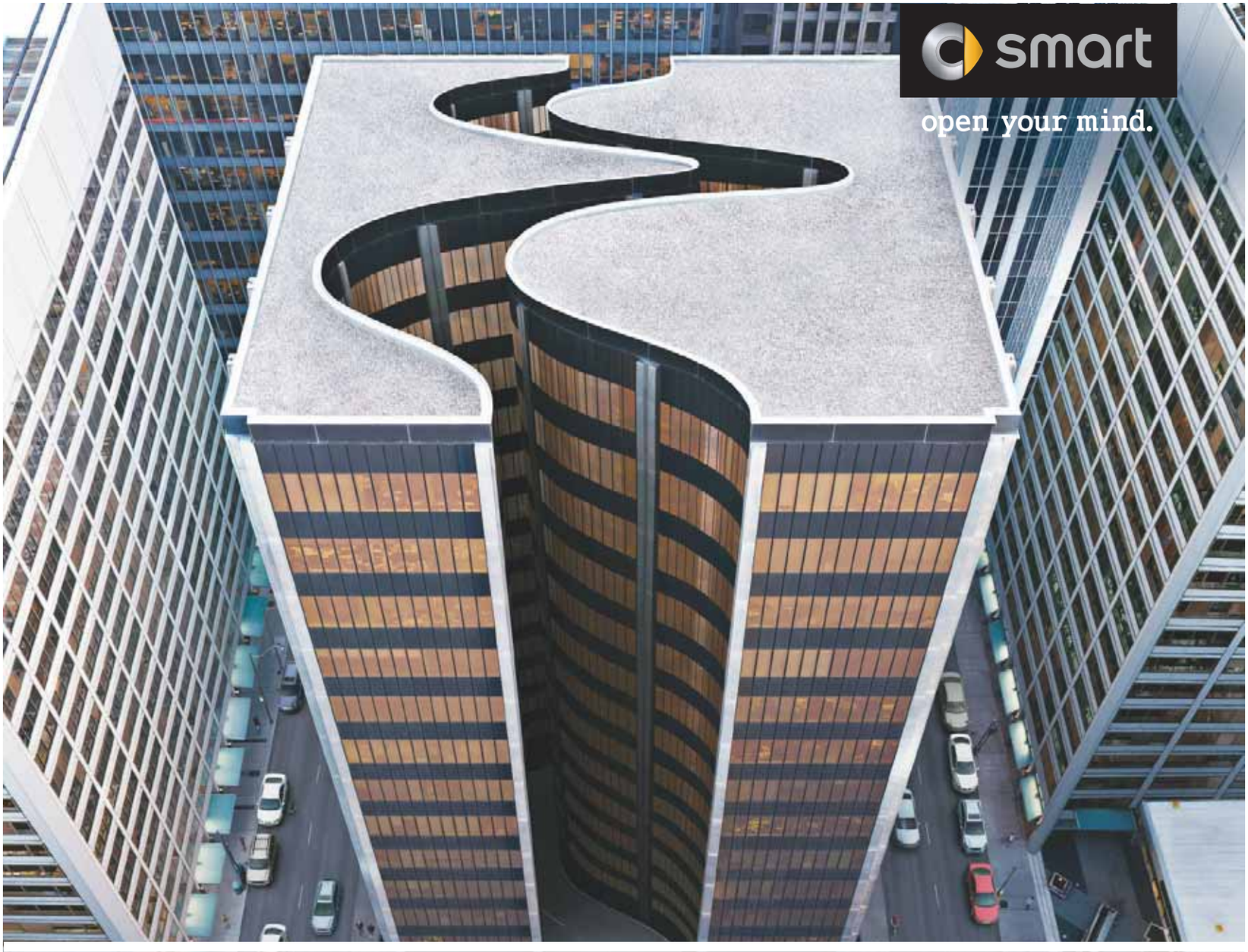

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B.C. court. Injured soldiers' lawsuit should be dismissed: Lawyers

At least one veterans group promises to campaign against the Conservative government because of a stand taken by federal lawyers, who argue the country holds no extraordinary social obligation to ex-soldiers.

The lawyers, fighting a class-action lawsuit in British Columbia, asked a judge to dismiss the court action filed by injured Afghanistan veterans, saying Ottawa owes them nothing more than what they have already received under its controversial New Veterans Charter.

The lawsuit filed last fall by six veterans claims that the charter, which replaces lifetime pensions with workers compensation-style lump sums for wounds, violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Mike Blais, president of Canadian Veterans Advocacy, told a Parliament Hill news conference that since the First World War, the government has recognized it has a "sacred obligation" to veterans and that notion was abandoned with the adoption of the veterans charter by the Conservatives.

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Ireland's first

Bill OK's abortion when life at risk

Ireland's head of state has signed the country's first bill on abortion into law, legalizing it in exceptional cases where doctors deem a woman's life at risk, including by suicide.

President Michael D. Higgins surprised some analysts Tuesday by signing the bill rather than referring it to Ireland's Supreme Court.

Anti-abortion activists are likely to pursue a Supreme Court challenge.

Until now, abortion held a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

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Ark. teachers get armed

A Clarksville school faculty member, wearing a protective mask, carries a practice handgun toward a classroom as students portray victims in a mock shooting scenario. Twenty Clarksville School District staff members are training to be armed security guards. DANNY JOHNSTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kindergarten cop? U.S. school district paying about $50K plus stipends for ammunition, training to prep staff to act as security guards

When classes at Clarksville High School resume in August, assistant principal Cheyne Dougan will be among more than 20 teachers, administrators and other employees in the school district carrying concealed weapons.

After a school shooting in Connecticut last December that left 20 children and six teachers dead, the idea of arming schoolhouses against gunmen was hotly debated across the country.

The National Rifle Association declared it the best response to serious threats. But even in the most conservative states, most proposals faltered in the face of resistance from educators or warnings from insurance companies that schools would face higher premiums.

Making use of a little-known Arkansas law that allows licensed, armed security guards on campus, Dougan and other teachers at the school will be considered guards.

In strongly conservative Arkansas, where gun ownership is common and gun laws are permissive, no school district had ever armed teachers, according to the state Department of Education. The closest was the Lake Hamilton School, which for years has kept several guns locked up in case of emergency. Only a handful of administrators — not teachers — have access to the weapons.

Clarksville, a community of 9,200, is going further. Supt. David Hopkins said he faced a flood of calls from parents worried about safety after the attack last year at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut.

He said he and other school leaders didn't see why they couldn't rely on their own staff and teachers to protect students rather than hire someone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dubious food. Oreo doughnut tops Timmie's contest shortlist

On a day when doughnut flavours included devil's food cake and caramel popcorn, it was the simpler creations that won the day for Tim Hortons' Duelling Donuts contest.

B.C.-born actor Jason Priestley was among the panel of judges who whittled down the long list of 16 doughnut creations to just eight on Tuesday.

Among the finalists are the S'more Of It, the Monkey C, Monkey Do-Nut, the Dark Chocolate Cherry Chunk and the Oreo Borealis. The pastry recreation of the classic cream-filled cookie took the top honours from the panel, which also featured execs from Tim Hortons and TV host Ben Mulroney.

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Market Minute

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You could hire a crew to clear away unwanted vegetation, or you could bring in a herd of goats — which is what officials in Regina are currently doing to rid a conservation area of non-native greenery. Other municipalities have taken the same approach. The goat shown in this file photo was part of a herd rented by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to vanquish vegetation growing near drinking-water pipelines. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Will work for food: Goats chew up landscaping biz

Regina. City officials go with the herd to clear away vegetation

Caragana shrubs are no match for goats that have been brought in to clear the pesky growth from a big Regina park.

Officials with the city's Wascana Centre Authority have hired about 90 of the bleating eating machines to rid the shrubs from a conservation area of the park where the greenery has gotten out of control.

Naturalist Jared Clarke says caraganas were once planted in rows to delineate property lines, but they ended up choking out native species of grass and other plants.

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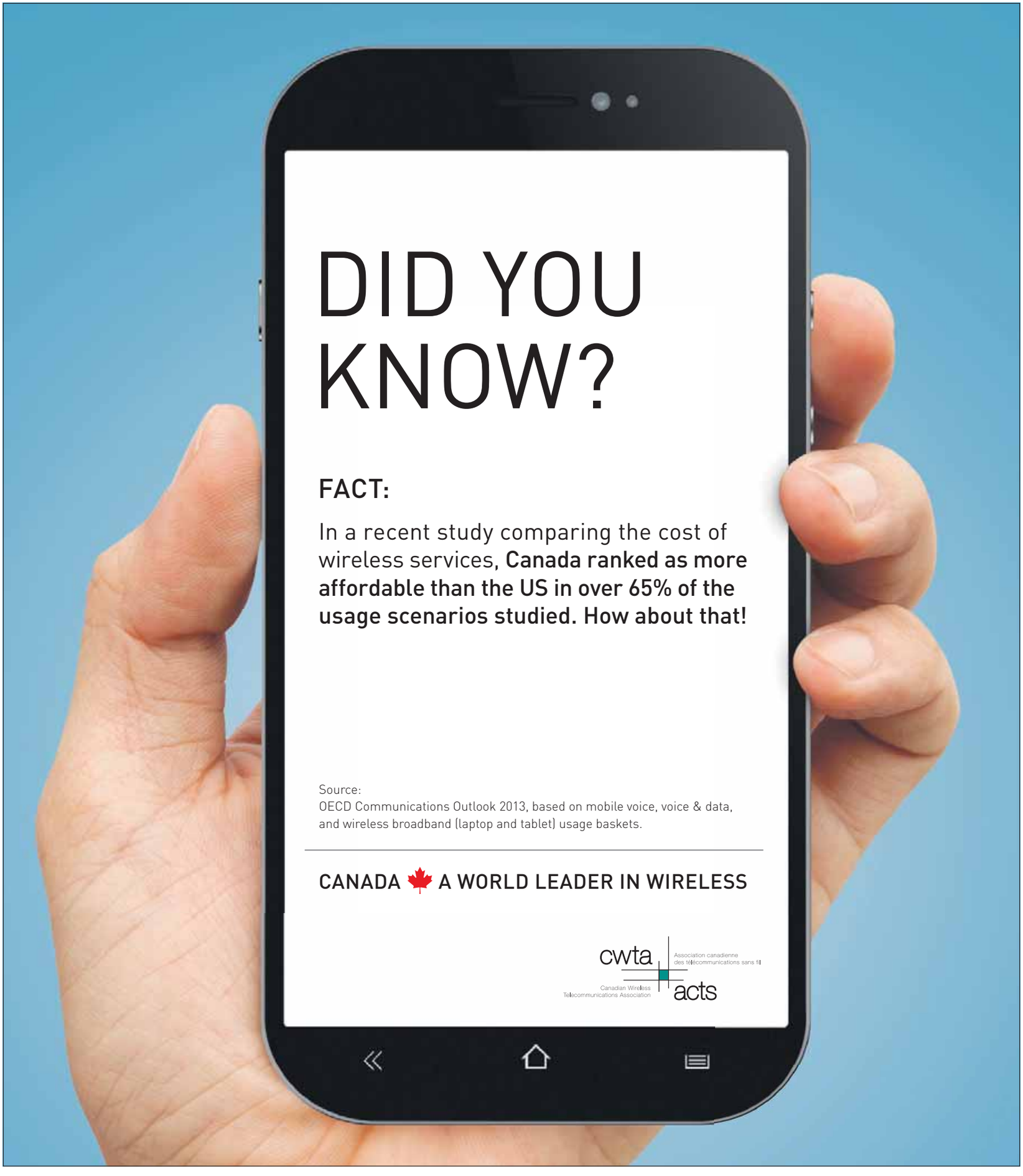
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WATER'S RISING. WHERE'S THE ARK?

JUST SAYIN'

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Ho-hum. Another day, another prophet of doom.

Today's Cassandra du Jour is someone named Benjamin Strauss from something called Climate Central. Strauss concludes that without an immediate deep reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, 1,700 U.S. cities will be underwater by the end of this century.

And even if we stop adding greenhouse gases to the atmosphere right now, 80 cities including Hoboken, N.J., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., are already toast. Frank Sinatra's hometown sinks beneath the sea! Pictures at 11!

Strauss's conclusions have been published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (not the National Enquirer) and run through the news cycle. Headlines everywhere. Hard to miss.

You may be wondering if Strauss is just some paranoid nutcase. If he is, he's a paranoid nutcase with a PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology from Princeton, a master's in zoology from the University of Washington, and a BA in biology from Yale. A beautiful mind.

Climate Central certainly sounds reputable: "An independent organization of leading scientists and journalists researching and reporting the facts about our changing climate and its impact on the American public." Such as 1,700 cities will be sleeping with the fishes by 2100.

This is not just an American wet dream: Various studies have also earmarked several coastal Canadian cities, such as Vancouver and Halifax, for the Big Bath.

So what's going on here? Why aren't we all stampeding for higher ground? Even if 2100 seems a long way off, the sheer scale of this inundation should have us building big boats in our backyards and pairing off the raccoons and Pomeranians, especially if we live in Hoboken or Fort Lauderdale.

But nothing's going on here. The U.S. president has a "plan," but it's hardly an emergency response, and even if the U.S. starts cutting emissions and shoring up dikes, that supposedly won't hold back the tide. And, of course, our Prime Minister Stephen Harper sees the emission of greenhouse gas as a patriotic act.

We obviously don't believe Strauss or all those other guys with letters after their names. Apparently, the skeptics have done a great job of painting them as a bunch of careerists so greedy for grants they'll say anything, no matter how over the top. If anyone's all wet, it's Strauss and all those other *scientists* (dirty word).

Still, aren't you a bit creeped out? What if Strauss is only half right, or a quarter right? What if the skeptics, who don't have nearly as many letters after their names, are the wet ones?

Is there anybody out there who can tell us the truth? It's a simple, honest question: How high's the water, daddy? Really?

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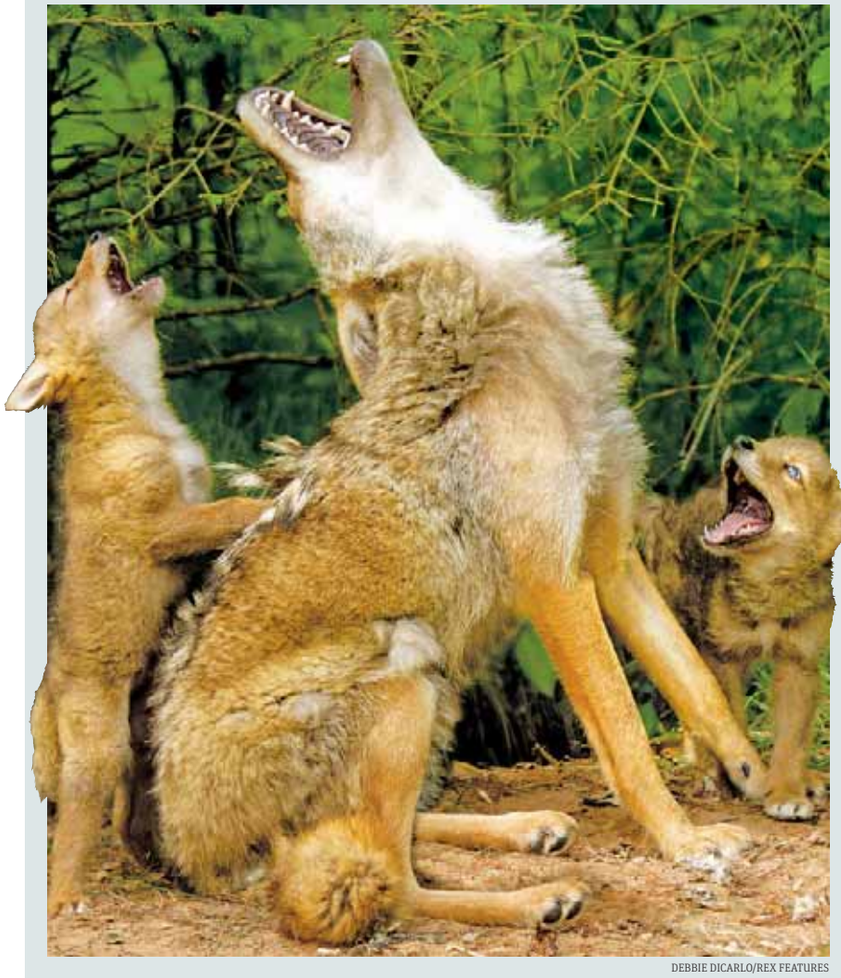
Of course Road Runner is for dinner



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Photog captures coyotes interacting

This stunning picture taken by amateur wildlife photographer Debbie DiCarlo shows the adorable coyote pups howling as the adult coyote tips back its head to let out an ear-piercing howl at a wildlife preserve in Hinckley, Minn.
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Q and A

'Hope and emotions'

DEBBIE DICARLO
Amateur photographer, 58, from Cleveland, Ohio

From the photograph's composition, it looks like the pups are mimicking the adult in howling ...
Yes, but that's certainly from the point of view of us humans, and how we assign human expressions to animals.

But isn't that what makes animal photography special — when we assign it human traits?
I completely agree. That is certainly one great way of interpreting these photographs. Animal photographs conjure up amazing imagery of hope and emotions in us all.

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We're past the halfway mark of the year, which is still a depressing distance from the best-of lists that pepper December and January. So let's get an early start with a trio of some of the best mobile games of 2013.

Limbo

The long-awaited port of 2010's moody gem has finally arrived. Take control of a boy navigating the dangers of a beautiful but starkly harsh side-scrolling world (pictured). Seriously stark. The game is full of punishing puzzles and grisly deaths. (iOS/$4.99)

Gemini Rue

A defiantly old-school point-and-click sci-fi noir set in a future familiar to Blade Runner fans. The original version was designed for keyboard and mouse, so the controls can be awkward. But solving the mysteries of the dual-plotted story is addictive enough to overlook them. (iOS/$4.99)

Star Command

From the clever dialogue to the pixelated graphics, everything about this space adventure reads as a love letter to Star Trek. Managing your crew and monitoring shield and weapon systems during frenetic battles is deep and challenging, though that's offset a bit by a linear story and shallow interactions with the races you encounter. (iOS, Android/$2.99)

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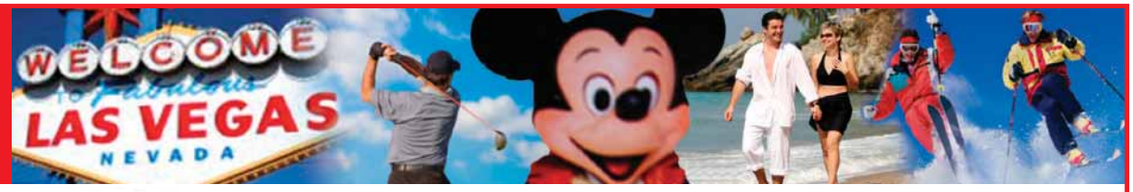

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Two guys, two guns, no spanking

Interview. Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg talk about going funny with new buddy comedy 2 Guns

MATT PRIGGE
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Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg star in 2 Guns, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Denzel Washington is funny. He just doesn't do funny movies.

People have told him how good he is with a joke. He agrees and he doesn't.

"I'm quick. But being funny on purpose, take after take — I don't know. It's new territory."

Indeed, he hasn't done a full-on funny film since the ghost comedy Heart Condition, opposite Bob Hoskins in 1990. It's the only one on his resumé.

2 Guns isn't a full-on comedy. It's a '70s-style throwback thriller, starring Washington and Mark Wahlberg as undercover government agents embroiled in the pursuit of a booty of stolen cash. But he and Wahlberg, longtime friends finally working together, have great chemistry, and the tone of the film allows them to goof around in between shoot-outs and scenes where Bill Paxton's fearsome CIA heavy plays Russian Roulette with his crotch.

"I'd been looking to stick my toe in the water," Washington says about being funnier. "Especially coming off Flight, I was looking to do something where I had more fun."

In character

"I try to bring my own personality to the parts, some kind of personal connection. The audience can maybe believe it a bit more."

Denzel Washington
Talking about he gets into character

Wahlberg had already been attached to the production, based on Steven Grant's comics, which was a big selling point for him.

"Mark is not just funny, but he has a warmth and a heart about him that I've loved. I watched Ted the other night. That's a sick movie."

Not that he wanted to go that far.

"I'm not ready to be spanked yet — not right out of the gate. But (Wahlberg) helped free me up, to go for it, to not worry about being silly."

Wahlberg was happy it wasn't the traditional kind of buddy comedy.

"Usually they'll take the comedy guy, the really out-there comedy guy, and put him with the straight guy. We didn't want to do that," Wahlberg explains. "We felt like the two had to be really formidable opponents, to earn that camaraderie, to earn that trust in one another."

Asked how they handle comedy or drama, Wahlberg says there's little difference.

"I approach everything the same: I try to make it as real as possible," he explains. "If you're going to make people laugh or cry, it's the same thing. But if I start doing pratfalls, someone please pull the plug."

Washington just tries to integrate himself in his roles.

"I try to bring my own personality to the parts, some kind of personal connection," he explains. "The audience can maybe believe it a bit more."

When asked which role is closest to the real him, he can't help but joke.

"Training Day. That's who I am. That's the real Denzel."

In Focus

2 Guns took two roads to production

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This weekend Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg co-star as a DEA agent and an undercover Naval Intelligence officer who are investigating one another in 2 Guns. Each think the other is on the take from the mob, but eventually must work together to get to the truth.

Conceived as a vehicle for Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn after the success of Wedding Crashers, the movie was originally meant to take advantage of the comedic chemistry between the two, but slowly morphed into something else as it made its way to Wahlberg and Washington.

It joins a long list of movies to change tone as they swap casts. But most notably we think of Beverly Hills Cop as the hilarious Eddie Murphy movie about a streetwise Detroit cop displaced to hoity-toity Los Angeles. Initially however, the movie was meant to star Sylvester Stallone, was better known for breaking jaws than busting guts.

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Toronto actor back to work on rice farm in rural Japan

Falling Skies. Connor Jessup talks about being on the road (including the rice farm) and finding time to be a filmmaker

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Connor Jessup is possibly the most interesting 19-year-old in Hollywood — especially since he's not actually in Hollywood at the moment. Since wrapping production on season three of his alien invasion series, Falling Skies, the Toronto native has been on the road, most recently living on a rice farm in rural Japan, where he's working on more film projects to write, direct and produce.

We caught up with Jessup just before the Falling Skies third season finale on a rare few days in Los Angeles.

Life on the road

"I was in San Diego on the weekend, which was awesome, and I'm here until Thursday, then back to Japan," he says. "That's where I'm living right now. I'm living on a rice farm, a run-down rice farm, actually. This is my first real year without high school, so I decided to just do some travelling. So since February I've been on the road, and since May I've been in Japan.

Finding time to be a filmmaker

"One of the nicest things about being on a TV show that's relatively long-running is that you get six months of the year of hard work and then six months of the year of free time — well, not free time because you're still working and trying to get stuff or on a movie or something — but generally the other six months are less full of work," he says. "There's a couple of shorts that I'm working on and a feature. But I've been doing stuff like that since I was 14 or 15. Right now I'm in Japan writing something that takes place in Japan. It takes place basically right in the place where I'm writing, so all I have to do is look out the window, which is convenient."

Getting an early start

"When I was 15, there were these friends of mine who I admired who were recent grads of film school. They'd done some really great shorts and they were doing an indie, micro-budget feature so I helped produce it," he says. "This is pre-Kickstarter, and they were doing the fundraising. I kicked in, so I was an executive producer and I did every odd job on set. I was a grip, a boom operator, an assistant director. But the movie got into (the Toronto International Film Festival) and a whole bunch of other festivals, so that was kind of my first exposure to behind the scenes life. It's wonderful. It's really the best part of the business."

Season finale

Connor Jessup teases that the third season of Falling Skies, which wraps up Sunday evening, goes out with a bang for the city of Charleston. "It's sort of an image of what life was like before, and we're trying to maintain it, but it's more fragile than we thought," he says. "It kind of literally and metaphorically comes crumbling down. So we're thrown back out onto the road, back into the wild world. Just like in season two where we were dashing about from place to place, going on missions, we were kind of nomadic. Season three, we managed to stay in one place for the most part, but that gets shattered very quickly. It affects my character, Ben, in the same way that it affects everyone else in that it sucks."

Connor Jessup stars in Falling Skies. ANGELO KRITIKOS

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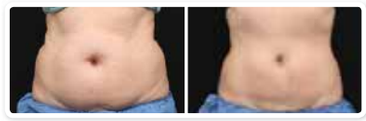

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Top Chef's Crawford gives new meaning to diving into a meal

Fierce competition. Lynn Crawford falls from the sky to get an extra hour preparing a dish

Canadian chef Lynn Crawford appears in episode one of the fifth season of Top Chef Masters. FOOD NETWORK CANADA

Canadian chef Lynn Crawford calls her experience on Top Chef Masters — which included a jump from an airplane — one of the most "spectacular, fun, crazy" things she's ever done.

"The challenges that they set up for the production going into its fifth season, I just thought that it was over the top," Crawford said from her cottage at Buckhorn Lake near Peterborough, Ont.

"It was absolutely brilliant."

The 13 chefs were told on the first episode of the food competition show that if they leapt from the plane, they'd get an extra hour to spend preparing a dish.

Skydiving was not the only twist the producers dished up to the chefs vying for $100,000 for a charity of their choice.

Each chef could choose a sous chef, and Crawford picked Lora Kirk, who works with her at the restaurant Ruby Watchco in Toronto.

But the catch is the sous chefs are duking it out in their own competition, Battle of the Sous Chefs, hosted by Canadian celebrity chef Hugh Acheson. The results of each online episode (on foodnetwork.ca) directly impacts the on-air Masters competition, awarding them advantages or disadvantages depending on their sous chef's performance.

"We all thought that we would be cooking together. That was not the case," Crawford said.

Kirk was marked down on her dish in the first online episode, with the result that her boss was not allowed to use proper chef's knives.

"I had to work a lot harder," Crawford added. "That's what chefs do. They are constantly faced with challenges and we're always trying to figure out how to overcome them and that's exactly what Lora and I did, went into this whole competition wanting to really cook with all of our hearts and do a great job and to play for our charity ... and make Canada proud and wow, what a huge honour. We had a lot of fun."

The new head critic of the chefs from around North America is Toronto-bred Gail Simmons. Returning judges James Oseland, Ruth Reichl and Francis Lam are joined by new judge, food and dining editor Lesley Suter.

Celebrity guest judges this season include Mindy Kaling, Busy Philipps, Kathie Lee Gifford and the cast of Days of Our Lives.

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Review

The Smurfs 2

Director. Raja Gosnell

Stars. Neil Patrick Harris, Hank Azaria

The problem with The Smurfs is that the blue mushroom-dwelling dwarves(?) just aren't elaborate or very amusing. In that sense, they're perfectly safe film fodder for prepubescents. In this straightforward sequel, Papa Smurf and company travel to Paris to rescue Smurfette (a whiny-sounding Katy Perry) from diabolical wizard Gargamel (Hank Azaria, trying his best). The sequel would've been buoyed by new characters except that one (named Hackus) is ceaselessly irritating.

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Bieber's crew busted with pot at the border

Marijuana and drug paraphernalia were seized from one of Justin Bieber's tour buses during a stop at the U.S.-Canada border, according to E! News.

Bieber himself wasn't on the bus, and his rep insists, "It wasn't Justin's bus," but Customs officials say it was part of his convoy.

"The tour bus, associated with musician Justin Bieber, was en route to a concert schedule later Sunday night in Detroit," a spokesman says. "Officers seized marijuana and paraphernalia and issued a penalty to the driver. The bus and passengers were released without further incident."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Applaud for Lady Gaga, she needs it

THE WORD
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Well, hello there, new artwork for Lady Gaga's new single, Applause, which looks like something Barbra Streisand would do circa 1983

Gaga unveiled this cover on Sunday to Women's Wear Daily, which was created by photography duo Inez van Lamsweerde and Vinoodh Matadin, who also filmed the single's music video. The single will drop on Aug. 19.

"What I'm saying in the song essentially is that I live for the applause. I live for the way you cheer and scream for me. Give me that thing that I love. Put your hands up, make them touch," she told the magazine about her inspiration for the single, which is a much, much better title than just calling it Clappin'.

Under the Dome still under said dome

Welp, it looks like no one is escaping that stupid dome anytime soon — CBS has renewed Under the Dome for a second season.

"We're excited to tell more stories about the mystery of the dome and the secrets in Chester's Mill, and are thrilled to have the master storyteller himself, Stephen King, tell the first one of next season," CBS Entertainment President Nina Tassler said in a statement.

The renewal makes sense as the show is a bona-fide hit for the network, averaging about 13.8 million viewers, according to Nielsen numbers provided to the network.

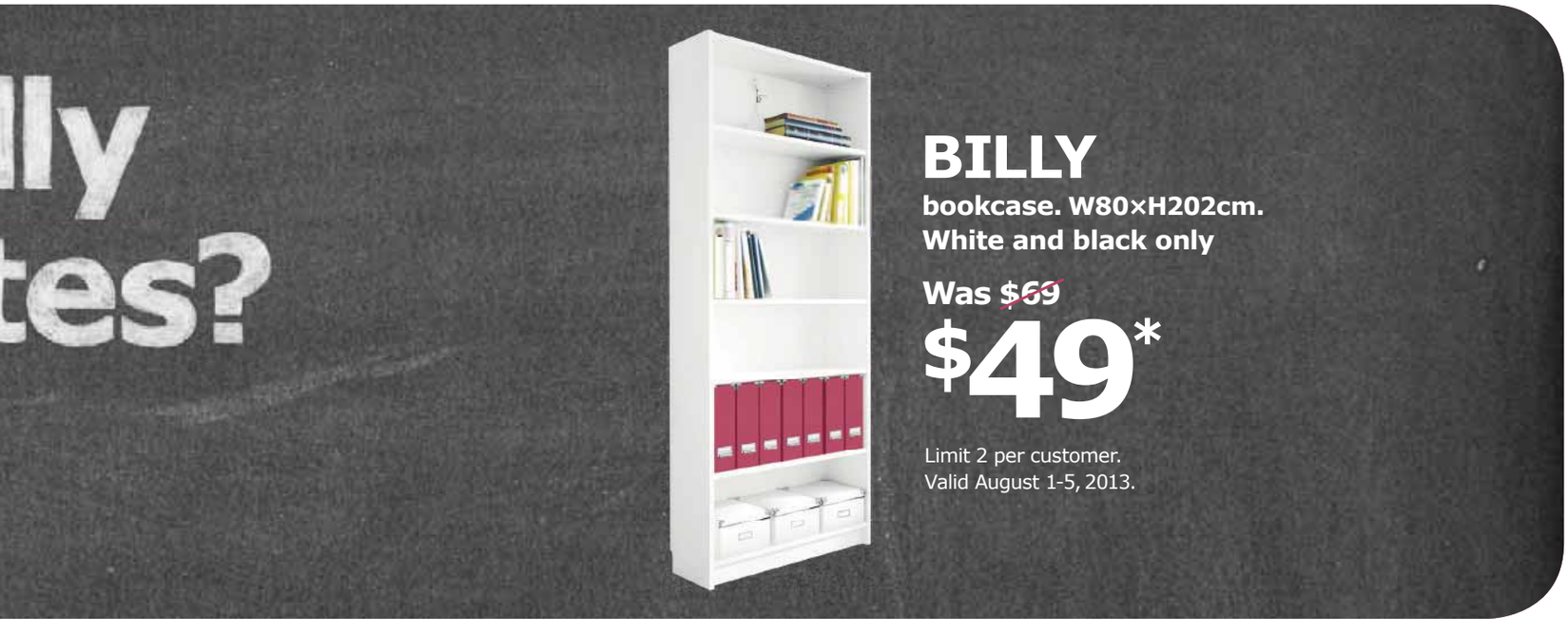
Evan Rachel Wood

Another celebrity couple trying to copy royals

Evan Rachel Wood is officially a mom. The 25-year-old actress gave birth to her first child Monday, her rep confirms to Us Weekly.

"Evan Rachel Wood and her husband, Jamie Bell, are parents to a beautiful boy," the rep says. "Parents and baby are all doing well."

Bell couldn't contain his enthusiasm, praising his wife on Twitter with, "What a day. Evan, you are my warrior! You never cease to amaze. Thank you for birthing our son so naturally and peacefully. You did it!"



LIFE 3

Unshakeable Christchurch

New Zealand. After a devastating earthquake in 2011, the city is ready to welcome visitors

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The Re:START mall is a fun shopping area in the heart of Christchurch. DAVID SWANSON

Get the app

Tourism New Zealand (TNZ) is making travel to New Zealand even easier with the launch of its first mobile app — Essential New Zealand. The free to download app offers advice to travellers on the go in New Zealand, without the need for a WiFi connection, encouraging them to do and see more while in the country.

The city of Christchurch, New Zealand, is in full swing with its exciting rebuild plan after the earthquakes it experienced a little over two years ago. The city and the surrounding region of Canterbury offer many things to do, places to stay and eat, and are absolutely ready to welcome visitors.

In true Kiwi form, the people of Christchurch are focusing on finding the silver lining and while remembering and honouring the past, they are embracing the future. The focus is now on creating a world-class city that engages both locals and visitors. A blueprint plan that concentrates on creating an accessible, world-class city that showcases all the fabulous activities, restaurants, accommodation and business opportunities that Christchurch has to offer has been developed and is in the process of being brought to life.

Experience Christchurch of today

While the people of Christchurch are looking forward, they realize that many visitors want to better understand what happened two years ago. Quake City is an interactive experience that outlines the science and the human interest elements behind the earthquakes. Now visitors can take the tour through the "red zone" — now the rebuild zone. Here you can see the work being done and get an up-close view of the uncrushable Kiwi spirit that shines through as the city is re-created. In fact, each day many of the areas of the city are being reopened to the public and, as this happens, you can see the joy and pride in the faces of the people who call Christchurch home.

You can also check out the Cardboard Cathedral. This structure is being built to temporarily replace the historic Christchurch Cathedral, which was damaged during the earthquakes. Church services will be held in the Cardboard Cathedral, which is made of paper tubes coated with waterproof polyurethane, and was opened in June 2013 with seating for 700.

Shop and sip

For those interested in shopping, the Re:START mall is an area that offers some of the best New Zealand designers. Re:START may not be the first shipping container shopping mall in the world, but it is one of the most creative, appealing and — a priority in New Zealand — fun! More than 50 retailers are located right in the heart of the city, including great cafés, the perfect place to rest your weary feet after a morning of trying on designer duds and checking out the bright, vibrant and energetic area. There is also New Regent Street, which is a quaint street full of shops and boutiques – and, of course, cafés. After all, shopping and coffee were made for each other.

Discover the magic of the Canterbury region

While Christchurch is a fabulous city, visitors are also encouraged to venture out into the Canterbury region. And who better to show it to you than a fifth generation Canterburian — a real local. A local's local, if you will. David Hiatt runs Canterbury Guiding Company, a specialized tour provider that offers excursions that you just can't get anywhere else. He knows winemakers and cheese makers, farmers and artisans and, relevant to his guests' interests, he makes magic happen. David and his team know every inch of the Canterbury region — the wineries, the restaurants, the trails, the farms and the people. If the guests want it, David can make it happen. One day it might be a behind-the-scenes chat and tasting with a cheese maker. The next day, it might be a balloon ride to view the mountains and sea or a wine tasting with the winemaker. One thing is for certain — David is the guy to take people to see the Canterbury that the residents know and love.

Air New Zealand (airnewzealand.ca) has direct non-stop flights from Vancouver to Auckland and offers flights from many other North American cities. For more information about New Zealand, visit newzealand.com.

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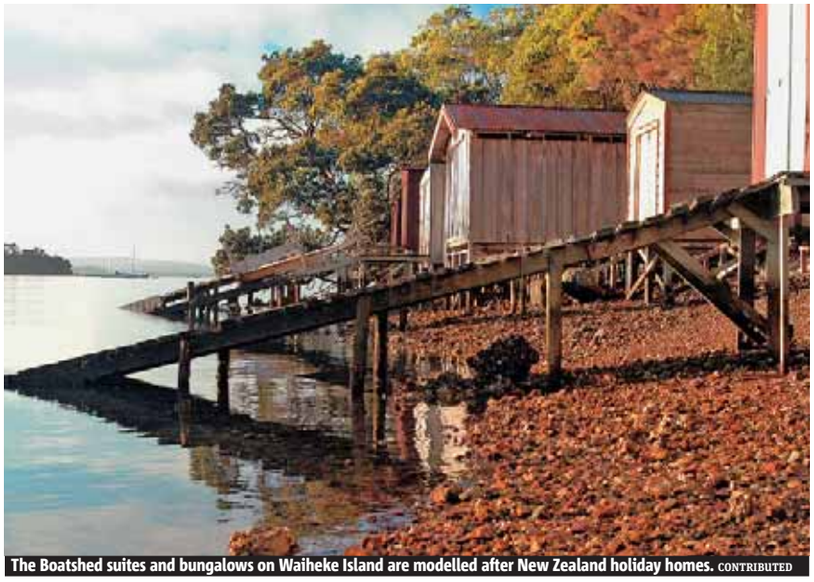

The Boatshed suites and bungalows on Waiheke Island are modelled after New Zealand holiday homes. CONTRIBUTED

A NZ stay in style

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Going on vacation always seems like a bit of a splurge, no matter what your budget. For many, a trip to New Zealand is tied to a festive occasion.

For some, it's a milestone anniversary, a family reunion or a honeymoon; for others, it allows them to tick off a bucket list location.

While there are plenty of budget and reasonably-priced places to stay on both the North and South Islands, there is a growing trend for even the most budget-conscious visitors to take a night or two and indulge themselves by staying at one of the country's nicer lodges or hotels.

The Boatshed on Waiheke Island, just a 40-minute ferry ride from Auckland, offers visitors a charming piece of Kiwi life. The five suites and two bungalows are designed to reflect "baches" — a New Zealand term for a holiday home.

It offers an eclectic mix of different buildings, spaces and room types — all with a view of the ocean. And exclusive to guests is fine dining at The Boatshed's restaurant.

Service is in a relaxed, alfresco setting, with exceptional New Zealand seafood and gourmet meat cuts accompanied by organic, locally sourced produce (some grown at The Boatshed). The fact that this luxury accommodation is located on Waiheke Island, which is home to a number of beautiful vineyards and local artists and offers lovely beaches, just makes it that much more of a treat.

And also for wine lovers, there is Black Barn, located in the wine producing region of Hawke's Bay. This winery and vineyard produces fabulous wines and also offers accommodation — right in the vineyard. There are 14 distinctive, self-contained accommodations offering character and style.

From an eight-bedroom luxury retreat to a two-bedroom turn-of-the-century cottage in the heart of the vineyard, Black Barn offers wine lovers something special, including the fact that everyone at Black Barn loves to talk wine.

For music fans, Black Barn presents a series of summer concerts where you can sit outside, put your feet up, sip a glass of wine and enjoy the good life.

If you go...

- **The Boatshed.** Bed and breakfast rates for July to September 2013 start at $645 NZD per room per night: boatshed.co.nz
- **Black Barn.** Retreats start at $390 NZD per night: blackbarn.com

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Packing

Carry on, fearless traveller!

ON THE MOVE
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What makes a perfect carry on? There are a few essentials that you should be bringing on board every flight.

An emergency toiletry kit just like those little ones people travelling in first class are given is perfect for freshening up prior to landing. Make it yourself and include toothpaste and toothbrush, moisturizer, lip balm, mini deodorant and a hairbrush. For women bring along mascara, lip gloss and tinted moisturizer. Make sure you go for small sizes and adhere to the rules and regulations on liquids and gels. Each container must be 100 ml or less and all of them have to be able to fit in one clear, closed, re-sealable plastic bag no more than one litre in capacity.

Remember that food items like yogurt and peanut butter are also considered liquids and gels so if you are bringing snacks for yourself or the kids bring dry ones. An empty water bottle that you can fill up on the other side of security is a must.

Be prepared! ISTOCK

I never bring a lot of extra clothes in my carry on, but a sweatshirt for warmth is a good idea. For women a pashmina is even better. It can be a blanket, pillow or a scarf and takes up less space. Toss in a spare pair of underwear and a bathing suit (if you are headed to the beach) in case of lost luggage.

Electronics such as an iPad, cellphone or camera have to go in your carry on. All electronic devices containing lithium batteries are prohibited in your checked baggage. On the other hand, don't carry on any electronics, such as a hair dryer, that you cannot turn on if requested to do so by a security screening agent. Bring along a good magazine or a book for when electronics need to be turned off during take-off and landing.

Large noise cancelling headphones are practical and helpful. They save you from having to buy cheap ear buds on board and act like a giant Do Not Disturb sign if you prefer not to engage in two hour conversations with your seat mate. Check out the Canadian Air Transport Authority website for a full listing of exemptions and prohibited items.

Come to the island where time stood still

Mackinac Island.
In northern Michigan is a tiny place still powered by horses

Producers of the 1980 movie Somewhere in Time didn't need to build elaborate sets to depict the tale of a playwright who travels back to 1912 to find romance. They simply filmed on Mackinac Island, a Great Lakes enclave that retains its Victorian-era charm thanks to its ban on motor vehicles.

Motor vehicles have been banned on the island since the start of the 20th century after an automobile frightened some of the horses. These days, people still travel by horse-drawn carriage, as well as by bike and by foot.

Mackinac Island, located off the Straits of Mackinac separating Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas, was an important outpost in the region's fur trade, but that gave way to fishing and eventually tourism.

Among the main attractions: the Grand Hotel, a 385-room luxury hotel that played a central role in Somewhere in Time. In fact, fans of the movie, many in period costumes, descend on the island and the hotel every fall for a weekend of reenactments and a screening.

You get reminders of a bygone era before even leaving the mainland by ferry. Crews cart overnight luggage onto the ferry, the way full-service porters used to at train stations and hotels.

The Grand Hotel stands out as your ferry approaches the island. Closer to the dock, you pass a pair of quaint lighthouses, including one featured in the movie.

Once you're on the island, you have plenty of options. Head to the Mackinac Island State Park Visitor's Center for an orientation. About 80 per cent of the island is controlled by the state park, but staff there can also point you to other things to do, too. For $11 US, visitors can stroll through Fort Mackinac.

You can witness demonstrations of old-style guns and a cannon — be sure to heed the demonstrators' advice to cover your ears. You can also see some of the buildings once used for distributing supplies and housing soldiers.

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If you go...

- **Mackinac Island.** Located in Michigan about 480 kilometres north of Detroit. Ferries leave several times a day from Mackinaw City in the Lower Peninsula and St. Ignace in the Upper Peninsula. Flights available to Pellston, near the ferry, from Detroit and Chicago.

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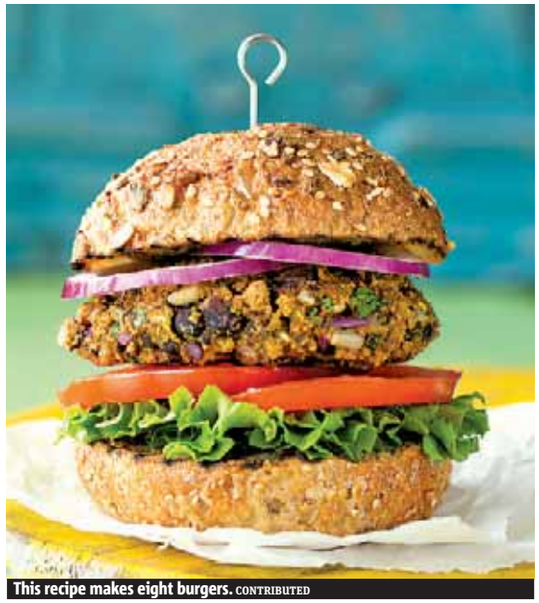
The anti-meat BBQ burger

Food. Food blogger Angela Liddon shares her favourite grease- and grime-free veggie recipe for a hot and sunny day. It's not all about melted cheese and steak you know.

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News in London

Barbecue. Admit it. The second you read that word, your brain bombarded you with images of charcoal steak and roasted marshmallows.

"There are so many other options that showcase classic summer foods without sacrificing flavour or nutrition," Angela Liddon, food blogger and founder of the vegan friendly website Oh She Glows tells Metro. "A veggie burger can be both hearty and satisfying, as is a smoky grilled salad. And one thing is for sure, you'll feel light, energized, and anything but weighed down!" she adds.



This recipe makes eight burgers. CONTRIBUTED

Here is her favourite summer recipes, a veggie burger.

"These veggie burgers are one of the most popular recipes on my blog. They have all the right elements we love in a veggie burger — chewy, hearty, and they hold together well when cooking. You can freeze the burgers after cooking for quick and easy meals throughout the week."

1. Preheat oven to 350 F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. Whisk flax and water in a small bowl and set aside for 10 minutes.

3. In a large bowl, mash the black beans until a paste forms with a few chunky beans left intact for texture. Stir in the rest of the ingredients (including the flax and water mixture), adjusting spices and seasonings to taste if desired.

4. With slightly wet hands, shape dough into 8 patties. Pack dough tightly as this will help it stick together.

5. Cooking options: Bake patties at 350 F for 15 minutes, gently flip, and bake for another 15-20 minutes until patties are firm and golden.

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp ground flax seed
- 1/3 cup warm water
- 1 (15-oz) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup grated carrots
- 1/3 cup finely chopped parsley
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup sunflower seeds
- 1 cup oat flour
- 1/2 cup spelt breadcrumbs (or breadcrumbs of choice)
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1-2 tbsp tamari, to taste
- 1/2 tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp each dried oregano, ground cumin, fine grain sea salt
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste

For grilling on the BBQ: prebake the patties in the oven for about 15 minutes at 350 F before placing on a preheated grill. Grill on each side for a few minutes until lightly golden.

6. Serve with toasted buns or lettuce leaf "wraps".

Drink of the Week

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By the glass

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It's my position and I will be emotionally intelligent if I want to

Heart at work.
Interacting with people means working with emotions, so get to know how your own feelings factor into the business world

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It's pretty hard to find a job description that doesn't mention strong interpersonal, teamwork, collaboration or universal communication skills.

This is why employers are putting a big emphasis on finding employees who have strong "emotional intelligence."

Whatever industry you plan on working in as a student or new grad hire, high emotional intelligence is never a bad thing. Read on to get the inside scoop on this skill.

What is emotional intelligence?
Emotional intelligence is a mix of various components, each of which has to do with how you interpret and engage with your emotions.

Acknowledging emotions
This means acknowledging not only your emotions but the emotions of those around you as well. Employers don't want your bad day to affect how you treat co-workers or clients. Also, recognizing the emotions of others is an important step to maintaining a successful work environment.

Understanding emotions
There will be times during your career when people will upset you without realizing that they have done so. For example, the way an email comes across, lack of recognition upon the completion of a task or a short comment from your boss or co-worker. Everyone in the office has a ton going on, which doesn't leave much room to take into consideration how something they said or did affected you. Understanding how emotions work in these types of situations will leave you a lot less stressed out, less worried and more confident.

Remember: Emotional intelligence includes both your emotions and the emotions of others, so develop this skill to incorporate all parties.
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Your thoughts?

@TalentEgg: #Questionofthe-Day: After an interview, what's the best way to follow up? And how long do you wait to do so?

- **@charmyip:** A quick thank you note and a #reiteration of the points discussed would be perfect within 24 hours!
- **@JubleeW:** A thank you note sent within 3 days.
- **@AbacusRecruits:** It's always best to wait at least a week.
- **@mrstephenchin:** 2-3 days in an email/voicemail...or over the phone!
- **@ShabShah:** reading these responses, it's interesting how varied the timelines are for different people. Personally, I'd wait at least a week!

Facilitating emotions
Knowing how to handle your emotions in a positive way (such as making people feel open to having a discussion with you and avoiding being defensive) makes everyone more productive. When working with clients and co-workers, having positive emotions versus negative makes everyone feel more comfortable. Monitor how you're facilitating your emotions by considering how your body language, tone and mannerisms come across.

Handling emotions
Sometimes you'll be in a situation where you have to keep a firm grip on your emotions and avoid expressing them in any way. The workplace is no place for heated arguments, for example. Inevitably, there will be situations throughout your career that push your limits, but it's crucial to always keep your cool and manage your emotions in a professional and appropriate way.

Strengthening your emotional intelligence
The first step to strengthening your emotional intelligence is learning about it and being aware of how this skill works and applies in the workplace. You're already doing just that!

But reading and learning about this skill isn't enough. You must learn to use your emotional intelligence in real-life situations.

Start to consider how your emotions play out while with friends, peers, family, professionals and even strangers to get a good grasp of how you tick. Try and identify situations where you may be too liberal with your emotions or times where the emotions of others have a significant impact on your own mood.

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Maybe in this peace and quiet you'll finally be able to get that proposal done. ISTOCK

Thanks to the multiple long weekends that grace the summer months, you may find yourself at the office, store or restaurant on a day when your friends and family are enjoying a paid day of rest.

While it's tempting to spend this time frowning and scowling at every person who approaches you, it's a good idea to remember that working on a public holiday definitely has its pros.

Though time off can be hard to pass up, many people choose to forego the odd cottage weekend to volunteer for these shifts because of these hidden benefits.

Working on a long weekend could maximize your earning potential

If your company offers overtime or holiday pay then this is one of the best parts about working on a public holiday. Sometimes companies will pay their employees time-and-a-half for their efforts on a public holiday — that's like coming to work for a normal day but getting paid like you stayed for an extra half day.

Public holidays make for a productive work environment

If you're hard at work on a specific project, then a holiday Monday is a perfect day to come in and do some work on it. The office will be quiet and you'll be able to buckle down with minimal distractions. Days like this pass far more quickly as you really have the chance to get lost in what you're doing.

Use the long weekends to make friends

Coming in on a vacation day can be a really valuable opportunity to get to know other people in your workplace better.

Make an impression

If your boss comes in to work on public holidays, following his or her lead can offer some real benefits.

- Demonstrating this kind of initiative can underscore how much you value your job and want to get things done.
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Argos forced to raise game in clash with Lions

Argonauts slotback Jason Barnes hauls in a touchdown pass above B.C. Lions defenders J.R. Larose, left, and Joshua Bell in a rare Tuesday night CFL game at Rogers Centre. Go to metronews.ca for coverage of Tuesday night's action. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leaf's cup parade comes with caveat

NHL. After winning with Chicago, Bolland to tour championship mug in Toronto

When Tim Leiweke took the helm of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, he caused a stir by revealing he had plans to hold a Stanley Cup parade.

How does Thursday sound?

It isn't exactly what Leiweke promised, but an actual Toronto Maple Leaf, Dave Bolland, will parade with the actual Stanley Cup through the streets — well, Mimico Ave. — of Toronto.

"It's going to be even more exciting, being a Leaf and bringing it back to Toronto," said Bolland, who scored the cup-winning goal on June 24 as a member of the Chicago Blackhawks before being traded to Toronto six days later.

Details, details.

It's been a long time since a Leaf paraded around town with the cup. Residents of Mimico, the south Etobicoke neighbourhood where Bolland grew up, promise to turn out in force.

"If the Stanley Cup is sitting there and one text goes out, a swarm of people come flying through," said Bolland, who held a similar parade in 2010 when he won his first cup.

Bolland's day with the cup begins Thursday morning in London, Ont., where he now lives. Then it's up to Toronto for the parade, which starts at 2 p.m. at the corner of Royal York Road and Mimico Avenue. The cup will travel east on Mimico Avenue to Lakeshore Boulevard. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Communal cup

"It's the tradition of having the Stanley Cup. You show it off. You let everybody see it."

Dave Bolland

Basketball

First to score in NBA dead at 94

Oscar 'Ossie' Schectman, the former New York Knicks guard who scored the first basket in NBA history, died Tuesday. He was 94.

Schectman's son Peter says his dad died of complications from respiratory failure.

Schectman scored the opening basket of a game in what was then known as the BAA on Nov. 1, 1946, for the Knicks against the Toronto Huskies.

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Pavelski re-ups with San Jose

The San Jose Sharks signed centre Joe Pavelski to a five-year, $30 million contract extension on Tuesday.

Pavelski ended the shortened 2012-13 season tied for third on the team with 31 points (16 goals, 15 assists) in 48 games. The $30-million US extension keeps him with the Sharks through the 2018-19 season.

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"It was serious surgery, but the damage could have been much worse. There could have been brain damage, vision loss."

Mark Fraser who says he is going to wear a visor after getting hit in the face against the Boston Bruins in the playoffs in May. The Toronto Maple Leafs signed the blueliner to a one-year deal on Tuesday.

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Most likely to leave the nest

MLB. Here are five Jays who could be on the move out of Toronto at Wednesday's non-waiver trade deadline

1. Rajai Davis

The speedy outfielder is the ideal speciality player for a contender during the stretch run and playoffs. Davis is tied for third in the majors with 31 stolen bases despite having at least 100 fewer at-bats than anyone close. The impending free agent is also a more-than-capable right-handed platoon player, as he's hitting .333 against lefties this season.

2. Darren Oliver

Statistically, Oliver is having his worst season in almost a decade (3.82 ERA) at the age of 42. But left-handed relievers are hard to come by and Oliver has pitched in every round of the post-season. Oliver is a free agent this off-season, so any team acquiring him would only have to pick up the remainder of his $3-million salary.

3. Juan Perez

If the deadline had been a week earlier, Jays GM Alex Anthopoulos would've likely had no trouble getting something for Perez, who had a 0.00 ERA in 14 appearances. Perez has since given up six earned runs in 3 1/3 innings, but his ERA is still 2.13. The 34-year-old lefty might be worth a gamble for a team in need of bullpen help.

4. Casey Janssen

Janssen is 18-for-20 in save opportunities and has been rock solid at the back end of the bullpen. The Jays have an affordable team option on Janssen for 2014, so Anthopoulos can deal from a position of strength to fill other holes in the organization. Janssen boasts a 2.43 ERA and doesn't have to be a closer to be successful.

5. Mark DeRosa

At 38, DeRosa is getting up there, hitting .232 with seven home runs in part-time duty. He wouldn't be a big piece for any contender, but DeRosa might be a low-cost option for teams looking for a veteran voice in the locker-room and a pinch-hitter who can provide a little bit of power.

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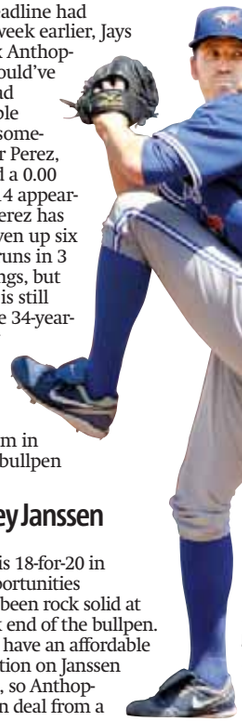

Blue Jays closer Casey Janssen could fetch a decent haul for Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos on the trade deadline market

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The Beard is back in bigs with Dodgers

The Los Angeles Dodgers signed free-agent reliever Brian Wilson to a one-year contract on Tuesday.

He hasn't pitched in MLB since April 12, 2012 when he underwent Tommy John surgery on his right elbow.

Wilson was one of the top relievers from 2008-11 with the San Francisco Giants.

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Brian Wilson

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Cleveland trades for left-hand help

The Cleveland Indians sent minor league infielder Juan Herrera to St. Louis on Tuesday in exchange for reliever Marc Rzepczynski.

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The 2014 Chevrolet Trax

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Cross-border shoppers will tell you that the United States offers a greater selection of products than our home and native land. That might be true for some consumer goods, but it isn't necessarily so when it comes to automobiles.

For 2012, General Motors began importing the seven-passenger Chevrolet Orlando from Korea, eschewing the United States in the process. The same is true this year with the Mexico-built Trax. The supposed reason is that Americans want bigger and fancier automobiles and that Chevy's marketing types didn't want to risk cannibalizing sales of its larger Equinox. But with fuel prices currently on the ascendancy, perhaps GM is entertaining second thoughts.

In any event, Canadians in search of a small wagon with space for five, available all-wheel-drive and with an aversion to gas pumps should find the Trax to their liking. At first glance it's a bit of a chunky monkey; the styling is a bit stubby in a Chevy-Spark-kind-of-way, except the Trax is considerably larger. It's also about 16 centimetres taller than Chevrolet's Sonic hatchback (both cars share the same platform).

The dashboard and control panel are attractive and uncomplicated, but front-passenger seating is on the cozy side (this is a small wagon, after all). There's more shoulder room in back, but only if you limit the rider count to two. Luggage for four shouldn't pose a problem if everyone packs light, but with the rear seat folded there's stowage space for bulkier objects. The Trax's one and only engine choice is a 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder borrowed from Chevy's Cruise and Sonic models that makes 138 horsepower and 148-pound-feet of torque. For an on-the-road price of $20k, the LS covers just the basics, but has 10 airbags, including rear side-impact and front-knee inflatables.

The premium LTZ gets dressed up with 18-inch wheels (16-inchers are standard), leather-like seat coverings (heated in front), auto-dimming rearview mirror and fog lights. Major options, depending on the model, consist of a power sunroof, navigation and an oil-pan heater that would make sense for Prairie winters.

For an extra $1,950, all-wheel-drive can be fitted to the 1LT, 2LT and LTZ. The system automatically engages when the vehicle accelerates from a stop to counteract torque steer (the tendency for the vehicle to pull to the left or right when accelerating), but reverts to front-wheel-drive once the Trax exceeds five km/h. It also seamlessly redistributes power to the rear tires as needed when the fronts begin to lose traction.

General Motors isn't alone in importing products that our southern neighbours can't obtain (Mercedes-Benz and Kia do the same). But given the Trax's utility, all-weather capability and overall thriftiness, it might be only a matter of time before Chevy's little can-do wagon is given a star-spangled welcome.

2014 Chevrolet Trax

- **Type.** Four-door, front- /all-wheel-drive compact wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 1.4-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (138)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual, six-speed automatic (opt.)
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $20,000

Interior & Technology

The 1LT adds air conditioning, heated outside mirrors, roof rack and aluminum wheels. Stepping up to the 2LT gets you a rear-vision camera with backup warning, six-way power driver's seat and Chevrolet MyLink touch-screen communications and infotainment system with a Bose premium audio package.

Fuel Economy

It garners 7.8 l/100 km in the city and 5.7 highway when connected to a six-speed manual transmission (standard with LS model), or 8.1/5.9 with the optional six-speed automatic that's fitted to the LT and LTZ. Other than fuel economy, the turbo 1.4 boasts an ability to run at full song using regular-grade fuel.

Design

To avoid resembling a total box on wheels, the Trax's fenders bulge outward, the roofline slopes gently at the rear and the liftgate features wrap-around glass that has been dressed up with a spoiler-like hood.

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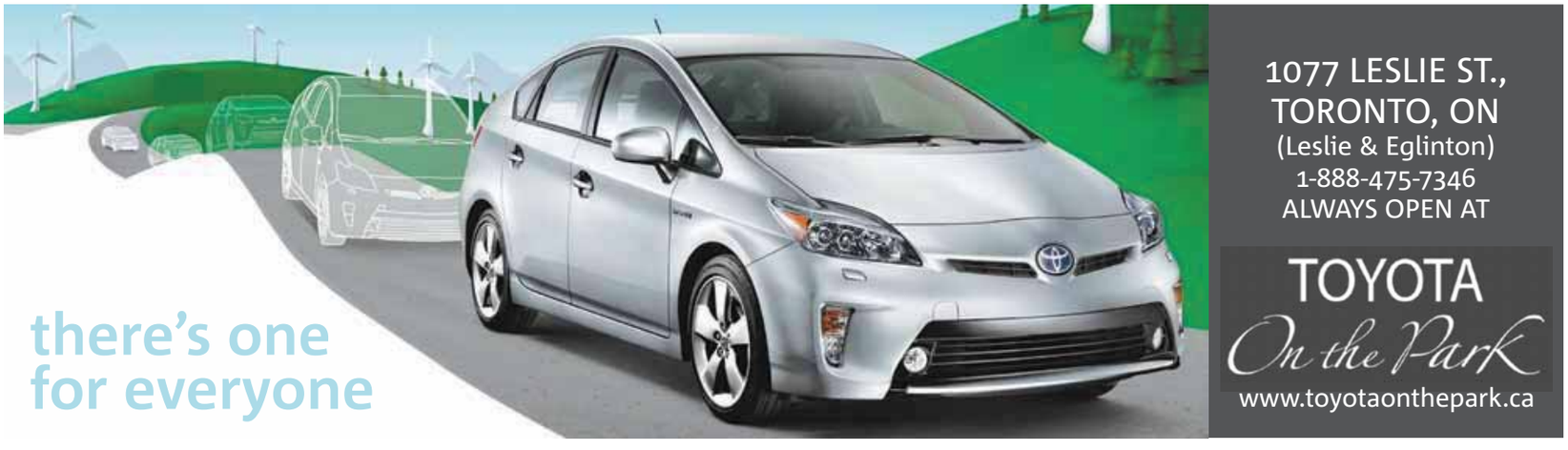

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The second-generation Cadillac CTS expanded from its initial offering as a sedan to include both a Sport Wagon and Coupe variant. All three body styles were available with All Wheel Drive (AWD) and came with a laundry-list of must-have luxury features. Look for Bose audio, a panoramic sunroof, rain-sensing wipers, xenon lights, climate controlled leather seats and plenty more.

Common issues

Some of the most common issues include oil consumption, which is well documented. Not all models were affected, though shoppers are advised to start a test-drive by checking the condition and level of the oil for signs of trouble. An issue with timing chains and/or camshafts on earlier models means that shoppers should avoid a 2008 or 2009 model without opting for extended powertrain warranty coverage as a minimum. Shoppers will want to have the brake system and rear differential inspected by a Cadillac technician, as owners have reported premature wear, and failure, of these components, respectively. Avoid a model that exhibits any signs of rough shifting or slippage from the transmission, and on board, pay special attention to the functionality of the power seats and the navigation and stereo. Other concerns include interior squeaks and rattles, especially from the rear parcel shelf, and weather stripping that creates wind noise on coupe models.

What owners like

Classy looks, a rich and high-tech cabin layout, AWD confidence and overall ride, handling and performance are typically rated highly by CTS owners. Ditto noise levels and the lengthy list of technology options.

What owners dislike

Many owners say they wish for more rear-seat space and a wider opening to the trunk. Those with AWD-equipped units report heavy fuel consumption, too.

Engine

Most models offered the choice between a 3.0 or 3.6 litre V6 engine with up to 318 horsepower. Six-speed transmissions in the driver's choice of manual or automatic were available, depending on the model in question. Models with AWD carried a "4" after their "CTS" badge.

The verdict

Owners love the looks and ride of the last-generation CTS, but a range of well-documented problems mean this is a model to shop for cautiously. Opt for any extra warranty coverage available if you're set on a last-gen CTS, or move to another model if reliability is your primary priority. Note that many used models will have a large portion of Cadillac's lengthy factory powertrain warranty remaining.

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Cleveland CycleWerks is based on the premise that the major motorcycle manufacturers are currently under-serving a demand for small, affordable — and stylish — motorcycles.

According to propaganda on its website, Cleveland CycleWerks founder and designer, Scott Colosimo, is determined to develop a global company that delivers, "kick-ass motor products for the world … We build bikes to turn heads and save you money."

That's how I first encountered them — they turned my head when I was trolling around a motorcycle show a couple of years ago.

While they've been on the U.S. market since 2009, they've only been available in Canada for less than a year. Lately, I've been seeing Cleveland Misfit models buzzing around my part of town, and whenever they do, they still manage to snap my head around.

The 250-cc class Misfit and Heist models are obviously retro and minimalist — just how I like my motorcycle stylings.

Minimalist and retro is also how so-called Hipsters like most anything, and the Cleveland bikes are definitely targeting and attracting this crowd. But according to their Canadian distributor, the bikes are also having a broader appeal in Canada than first anticipated.

"We sort of assumed Misfit would cater to young hipsters," says Neil Vanderkooi, director of business development at Visionary Motorsports, over the phone from the company's head office in Edmonton. "But once other people see the bike, they also realize it's a good bike for a good price."

Cleveland is home to The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and home to Cleveland CycleWerks, which conceives and markets a line of cool, small bikes, including Tha Heist (above) and Tha Misfit. CONTRIBUTED

Both Misfit and Heist sell for $3,499. "We're doing well in rural Alberta, for example, where we didn't think people would be interested in a lower displacement bike." Vanderkooi notes small bikes can appeal on many levels. They're a good first-time bike, or alternative for those not comfortable on the big bikes. You can also stick one on the back of an RV. And they can give a seasoned biker something different to play with for a change.

He adds the bikes also lend themselves to easy and cheap modification and customization — not always the case with more expensive and larger machinery. Heavy-duty motorcycle guys are also buying them for their girlfriends and wives. (A little bit sexist yes, but what can you do?)

Two more bikes, Ace and Hooligan, will join the Canadian offerings, as soon as they complete their Transport Canada certification.

Ace is in the "supermoto" mould, and therefore more modern in vibe than the others, but Vanderkooi says it was always the plan to have two distinct lines: retro and modern.

While conceived and designed in Cleveland, Ohio, all the bikes are actually built and assembled in China. Many in the biker community are pretty sticky about where they want their bikes built, and China is not generally on their preferred locale list, but Cleveland CycleWerks has never shied away from discussing their Chinese connections.

Obviously some people don't like the Chinese connection, says Vanderkooi, but it's an important element in the affordability story, and he asks rhetorically, what hasn't been made in China of late?

The 250-cc models are not designed for extended highway cruising, but Vanderkooi says there are some larger bikes in the works that will be. Stay tuned.

But let's hope those models aren't too big. Because as we all well know, size does indeed matter; sometimes things are just too big.

Flooded cars may now be flooding the market

Driving force. Beware: With so many vehicles damaged by the recent extreme weather many will want to sell on their damaged goods

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Following the recent floods in places like Toronto and Calgary, it's possible some water-damaged cars may have been quickly dried out and offered for sale to unsuspecting buyers.

"People should never purchase a used vehicle without a vehicle history report," says Anne Marie Thomas, manager of sales and new business development for InsuranceHotline.com. "A lot of people buy the history report after they've purchased the car, and that's like closing the barn door after the horse is gone."

When an insurance company writes off a car, it doesn't necessarily mean that it can't be fixed, but that the repairs will cost more than the vehicle is worth. This write-off status is noted on the vehicle's registration. Such cars are commonly called "branded."

It's possible to repair a branded vehicle to the province's safety standards and have it reinstated for the road, but some unscrupulous owners or dealers will do just a quick cosmetic touch-up and offer the car for sale. A vehicle history report will indicate if the car has been branded, and if so, if it was subsequently repaired to provincial standards and recertified. If it wasn't, you can't put license plates on it.

Water-damaged cars aren't necessarily written off, though, and the seller may not tell you that it got soaked. Watch for vehicles registered in places that got flooded, and that were put up for sale in other provinces a month or two after the disaster.

Check the car for clues. A mouldy smell is an immediate tip-off, but a car that smells very strongly of air fresheners could warn of a post-flood cleanup. Look in the engine compartment, glove box, in the trunk under the spare tire, under the dash, or in other hidden areas for dried mud or sand. Check the wiring, since flooding can turn it brittle. When you turn the key, all of the warning lights should come on for a short period. Be wary if some don't, because it could indicate that water got into the system.

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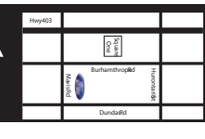

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Immerse yourself in activities that keep both your hands and your mind occupied. If nothing else, it will distract you from issues you have been worrying about too much.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Important matters beckon today and you will need to be in the right frame of mind if you are to deal with them properly. With that in mind, try to avoid people who never seem to take life seriously.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Hopefully you have resolved your differences with certain people and everything is calm. If not, make the effort to patch things up now because you don't want to be bothered with petty things later this week.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you have a good idea, act on it straight away. The longer you sit there wondering if it's really as good as you think it is, the more likely it is someone else will beat you to it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
A decision made in haste causes trouble, so stop and think about what you are about to commit yourself to. You may be eager to start something new but there's no rush.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The celestial cycle you are on at the moment is concerned mainly with your thought processes. Take time to look back over the past few months and evaluate honestly what you have accomplished.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't try too hard to please people today, because chances are they will withhold their affection just to annoy you. You're a Libra, a cardinal sign, shouldn't they be pleasing you?

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't waste time arguing over minor details or trying to defend an opinion you could not care less about. It does not matter what's going on in the world. It matters only that yours is serene.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It is important that people in authority don't get the idea that you cannot be trusted. Whatever the temptation to embroider the truth may be today, you must be honest.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Capricorn is supposed to be an ambitious sign but it seems the fire in your belly has been a bit weak. Don't worry, in a matter of days, you'll be scheming and fighting your way to the top.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
News you receive from a faraway source may be unwelcome but don't let it bother you. Better times are just around the corner and it won't be long before your present worries fade.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If someone needs your help today, drop what you are doing and give them the assistance they require. Go out of your way to support them. It will be worth the effort in the long term. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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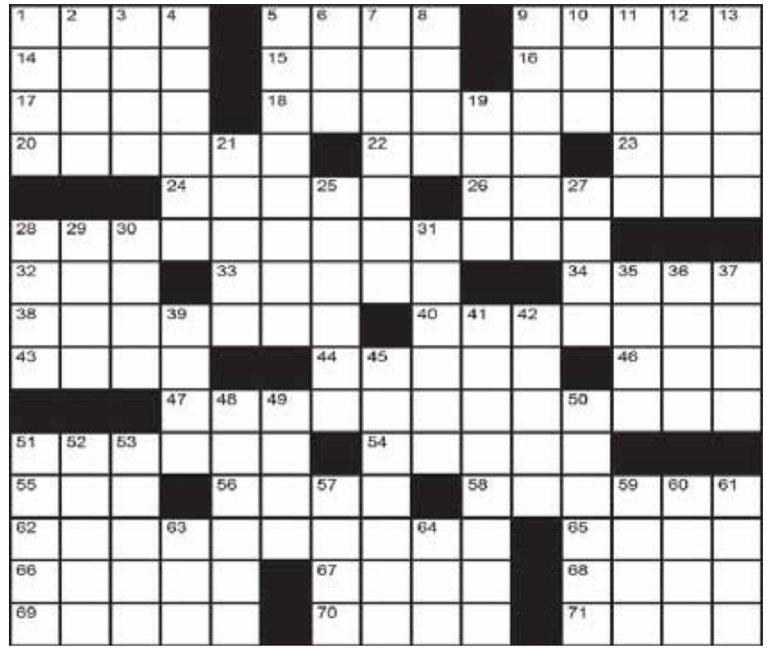


Across

1. Rich earth
5. Frances __ (Judy Garland, originally)
9. Savage
14. Violinist, Camilla __ (b.1842 - d.1902)
15. Beneficial-to-skin plant
16. Once __ _ time...
17. In __ of (Replacing)
18. Song versions
20. Clear, as a drain with Drano
22. Vegan's protein
23. Converged
24. Stage stuff
26. Van Gogh flowers
28. Alberta-Saskatchewan border city
32. Archer's wood
33. Kidney-related
34. Dame __ Te Kanawa (New Zealand opera star)
38. Hybrid citrus fruit
40. Viking ship crew
43. 'Happy Motoring!' sloganeer
44. Higher up
46. Ms. Thurman
47. Village in Manitoba
51. Dish-cleaning aid
54. Song line
55. Atop, in verse
56. Pinpoint
58. Shrewd
62. Sport for lumberjacks
65. Biblical brother
66. Dancing __ (Delighted): 2 wds.
67. Silk: French
68. Reality TV star Ms. Leakes
69. Irish playwright, J.M. __ (b.1871 - d.1909)
70. They came marching two-by-two...
71. Single-named Art Deco designer

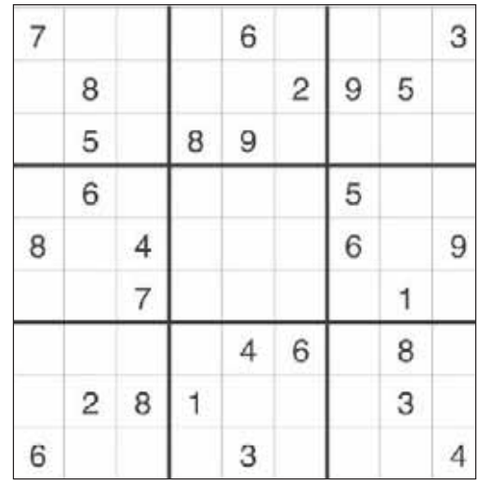
Down

1. "To Sir, with Love" (1967) actress/singer
2. "...thunder, lightning, __ __ rain?" (First Witch's query from Macbeth)
3. "Hold on _ __!" (Wait!)
4. Like green-patched cheese
5. Evil wizard in "The Smurfs 2" (2013)
6. Diminutive suffix
7. State bordering BC, AB and SK
8. Beatles' "Love __ __"
9. Canadian electronics chain store, __ Shop
10. Prefix with 'dermis'
11. Boards
12. Year: French
13. Wears well
19. "__ ain't broke...": 2 wds.
21. Command: French
25. Ancient inhabitant of Crete
27. Is a pain
28. 'Electro' suffix
29. Actress Ms. Thompson's
30. Possesses
31. '60s hit for The McCoys: "Hang on __"
35. American deejay Don
36. Two notes to follow Do
37. "__ __ little time..." (The quickest way)
39. Wedding __
41. Norms
42. Mr. Philbin
45. 1,000,000,000
48. Brush aside
49. "Hud" (1963) actress Patricia
50. High-__ fuel
51. Alone activities
52. Type of flower
53. Phantom of the Opera's instrument
57. Ingrid's "Casablanca" (1942) role
59. 'Very', slang-style
60. Camper's shelter
61. Bit of The Band: "Virgil, quick, come see, there goes the Robert _. __!"
63. Manipulate
64. Baby bug

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



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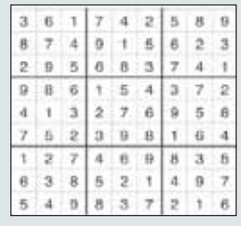

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